

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A coating made of a film formed on the basis of at least one polymer material that includes at least one property-changing component embedded in a matrix of the polymer material, the film comprising several layer-like areas, at least one of the layer-like areas includes the property-changing component, and a concentration of the property-changing component embedded in one of the layer-like areas varies in a direction of a thickness of one of the layer-like areas, wherein the coating is disposed on a workpiece, wherein the property-changing component changes at least one surface property of the group consisting of sealing capacity, stretch resistance, impact resistance, compatibility with lubricants, dyes and hydraulic media, ~~technical power properties,~~ or the ability to be cleaned, hardened or recycled.
- 2-4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The coating in Claim 1, wherein individual layer-like areas are arranged next to one another following surface contours of a basic material, wherein an interface between each two different layer-like areas runs crosswise to the surface contours of the basic material.
- 6-7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) The coating in Claim 1 comprising a synthetic film, wherein the synthetic film comprises an additive embedded in the matrix of the polymer material, wherein the additive contains property-changing components.
9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The coating in Claim 1, wherein individual layer-like areas are different in terms of the embedded additive and/or the polymer material used.
11. (Withdrawn) The coating in Claim 10, wherein a concentration of embedded additive varies within the individual layer-like areas.
12. (Previously Presented) The coating of Claim 1, further comprising a surface including layer areas lying in different planes.
13. (Withdrawn) The coating in Claim 12, wherein layer areas include upper layers and lower layers and wherein at least portions of lower layers are exposed by stripping upper layers or covering lower layers when applying upper layers.
14. (Previously Presented) The coating of Claim 1, further comprising a surface which is structured.
15. (Withdrawn) A process for producing a coating, in which at least one polymer material, plus at least one property-changing component, is applied to a surface of a basic material to be coated and is crosslinked by then adding energy, wherein the polymer material is applied forming layer-like areas depending on the property-changing component mixed in.
16. (Withdrawn) The process in Claim 15, wherein the polymer material is blended with the property-changing component in one step and is applied to the surface to be coated.
17. (Withdrawn) The process in Claim 15, wherein the property-changing component is added to the polymer material before it is applied to the surface to be coated.

18. (Withdrawn) The process in Claim 15, wherein the polymer material is applied in liquid form.
19. (Withdrawn) The process in Claim 15, wherein a combination of different polymer materials is used as the matrix material.
20. (Withdrawn) The process in Claim 15, wherein the crosslinking is done using an electrostatic field.
21. (Withdrawn) The process in Claim 15, wherein the crosslinking is done using wavelength-specific radiation.
22. (Withdrawn) The process in Claim 15, wherein the layer-like areas are made with different layer thicknesses.
- 23-25. (Canceled)
26. (Withdrawn) The process in Claim 15 wherein by predetermining the layer thickness desired and knowing an amount to be applied and a time, the exact amount to be applied can be controlled with a path-time controller to achieve the predetermined layer thickness.
- 27-32. (Canceled)
33. (Withdrawn) A device for producing a coating with an arrangement applying a polymer material to a surface being coated, wherein a feed device is provided which mixes property-changing components with the polymer material.

34. (Withdrawn) The device in Claim 33, wherein the feed device mixes the property-changing components with the polymer material synchronously with said applying the polymer material to the surface being coated.
35. (Withdrawn) The device in Claim 33, wherein the feed device mixes the property-changing components with the polymer material before the polymer material is applied to the surface being coated.
36. (Withdrawn) The device in Claim 33, wherein a control device is provided that has a measurement device and detects a type and amount of feed of property-changing components and gives off a signal corresponding to the type and/or the amount, and that compares this signal with a predetermined reference variable and if the signal and the reference variable are the same ends the feed.
- 37-38. (Canceled)
39. (Withdrawn) The device in Claim 33, further comprising a control system for path-time control.
40. (Withdrawn) The device in Claim 33, further comprising a device for measuring thickness without contact.
41. (Withdrawn) The device in Claim 40, wherein the device for measuring thickness without contact is an ultrasound thickness measurement device.
42. (Withdrawn) The device in Claim 33, further comprising a unit for blowing off a coating that is applied.

43. (Withdrawn) The device in Claim 33, further comprising a unit for stripping off upper layers and exposing lower layers.
44. (Withdrawn) The device in Claim 33, further comprising a unit for structuring a surface of the coating.
45. (Previously Presented) The coating of Claim 1, wherein the workpiece is suitable for application in the food and pharmaceutical industries, environmental protection, connection and drive technology, shipping, fluid energy systems, or the chemical and automobile industries.
46. (Previously Presented). The coating of claim 1, wherein the property changing component comprises a metallic resin, a nonmetallic resin, a solid lubricant, a pure metal, an alloy, or a corrosion inhibitor.